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State budget revision spares Riverside park

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The California Citrus State Historic Park in Riverside has been spared in the on-going state budget crunch.

According to an update from the California State Parks Department, the Governor has proposed a full restoration of the department's funds in the May budget revise.

The 48 state parks, including Riverside's 377-acre Citrus Park, earmarked for closure in the initial budget proposal will remain open.

The park chronicles the history for the citrus industry in Southern California. The working park hosts an activity and interpretive center, amphitheater, picnic area and demonstration groves. The groves have been replenished recently with 18,000 new navel orange, lemon and grapefruit trees. The produce, maintained by the park's Non-profit Management Corporation, will be sold to a processing plant for distribution to local Fresh and Easy Markets under the Riverside Citrus Park brand name. A portion of the profits will be used to maintain the grove operations.

"The California Citrus State Historic Park is a great Riverside as well as state treasure," said Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge. "In the Governor's May revise of the budget, all state parks will remain open. I look forward to many years of state funding for the Citrus Park."

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